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SUBJECT: CERP: LIBYA'S 1975 DEVELOPMENT BUDGET ANNOUNCED

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1. LIBYA INTENDS TO SPEND ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES AS MUCH ON ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT IN 1975 AS IT PROGRAMMED FOR 1974. BUDGET ANNOUNCED JAN 30 INCLUDES ESTIMATED LD 1,110,000 (LD 1 EQUALS \$3.39558) OR \$3,735,138,000, LARGEST IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

2. DEVELOPMENT BUDGET SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS RESTRAINT ON SPENDING OR EVEN AS INDICATION OF MONEY LIKELY TO BE SPENT. IMPORTANCE OF PUBLISHED BUDGET IS ITS INDICATION OF WHERE LIBYAN LEADERSHIP WANTS TO CONCENTRATE VAST SUMS IT HAS AT ITS DISPOSAL. 1974 DEVELOPMENT BUDGET WAS REGULARLY AND FREQUENTLY REVISED AS INCOME EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS. CHANGES IN REVENUE RECEIPTS WILL ALSO CAUSE FLUCTUATIONS IN 1975 DEVELOPMENT SPENDING.

3. ADDED TO LAST YEAR'S BUDGET SECTORS ARE TWO NEW SECTORS: MARINE TRANSPORT, AND MARINE WEALTH AND NUTRITION. LARGEST INCREASE IN ALLOTMENTS WAS PLANNING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SECTOR WHERE 314.8 PERCENT INCREASE LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO GOVT'S INCREASING INTEREST IN NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND ENERGY. HEFTY INCREASES ALSO NOTED IN AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, ELECTRICITY, EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, MINICIPALITIES SECTORS.

4. SECTOR BY SECTOR COMPARISON OF NEW BUDGET WITH LAST YEAR'S:

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SECTOR	1974 (000 LD)	1975 (000 LD)	PERCENT CHANGE
AGRICULTURE AND AGRARIAN REFORM		70,500	100,146 42.05
INTEGRAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	100,450	131,000	30.41
INDUSTRY AND MINERAL RESOURCES	90,242	138,680	53.68
PETROLEUM	64,688	83,780	29.52
ELECTRICITY	81,433	114,320	40.39
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS	67,106	72,407	7.9
EDUCATION N	60,168	109,975	82.78
PUBLIC HEALTH	16,500	25,247.5	53.02
LABOR	7,000.4 #		
	8,707.7	24.39	
SOCIAL SECURITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS	8,500	6,901	-18.81
HOUSING AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	100,000	130,000	30.
ECONOMY AND TOURISM	2,500	3,420	36.8
INFORMATION AND CULTURE	8,533.6	8,110	-5.22
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (MUNICIPALITIES)	55,000	95,880	74.33
PLANNING (SCIENTIFIC) UNCLASSIFIED	2,053	8,515.8	314.8
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ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT	390	377	-3.3
PROJECTS RESERVE	4,936	5,293	7.23
MARINE WEALTH AND NUTRITION		3,870	

MARINE TRANSPORT		63,370	
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TOTAL	740,000	1,110,000	50.

5. ABOVE TABLE COMPARES ANTICIPATED BUDGET EXPENDITURES AS OF JANUARY 1974 AND JANUARY 1975 AND INDICATES INCREASES OF 50 PERCENT. ACTUALLY, NEW BUDGET FIGURES EXCEED 1974 EXPENDITURES BY 29 PERCENT BECAUSE OF FREQUENT UPWARD REVISIONS IN BUDGET THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR. BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATE REVENUE DECLINES, EITHER BECAUSE OF LOWER CRUDE PRODUCTION OR PRICES, WE ESTIMATE THAT ACTUAL EXPENDITURES DURING 1975 WILL BE ONLY 75 PERCENT OF DEVELOPMENT BUDGET. DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO REVENUE.

6. ITEMIZED BREAKDOWN OF SECTORS FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.  
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